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AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATELY
PROTECTING DATA IN DIFFERENT
AREAS OF THE STORAGE MEDIUM
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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 9, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please approve the substitute copy of Fig. 12 attached to an enclosed separate letter to the draftsman.